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SUBJECT: LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 192539 (B) HELSINKI 1746

1. CALLING ON FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AUGUST 22,  
POLCOUNS AGAIN REFERRED TO THE LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE,  
DRAWING ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL A. THE FINNISH  
OFFICIALS EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE INFORMATION THAT THE USG  
EXPECTS THE CONFERENCE TO REVIEW ACTION TAKEN AGAINST  
APARTHEID AND TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PROGRAM; THEY REITERATED  
THE FINNISH UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE LIMITED  
EXXENTIALLY TO DEVELOPING AN ANTI-APARTHEID STATEMENT THAT  
CAN RECEIVE UNANIMOUS BACKING. NEVERTHELESS, THE OFFICIALS  
INDICATED THAT SHOULD THE ISSUE ARISE, THE FINNISH DELEGATION  
WOULD OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO LINK APARTHEID WITH ZIONISM,  
POINTING OUT THAT FINLAND HAS IN THE PAST VOTED AGAINST  
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UNGA RESOLUTIONS ATTEMPTING TO LINK ZIONISM WITH RACISM.

2. THE FINNISH OFFICIALS SAID THEY ARE NOW SOMEWHAT  
EMBARRASSED OVER THE RELATIVELY MODEST LEVEL AT WHICH  
FINLAND WILL BE REPRESENTED IN LAGOS, PARTICULARLY  
COMPARED TO THE HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION OF FINLAND'S  
NORDIC NEIGHBORS. ALSO, THE HELSINKI CONTINGENT OF THE

FINNISH DELEGATION (INCLUDING THE CHIEF OF DELEGATION,  
SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTER OLAVI MARTIKAINEN) WILL NOT  
DEPART FOR LAGOS UNTIL WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, THUS MISSING  
THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. IT IS OBVIOUS FROM THE RATHER CASUAL MANNER IN WHICH  
FINLAND HAS PREPARED FOR THIS CONFERENCE THAT IT DOES  
NOT PLAN TO TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN LAGOS. THE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY OFFICIALS CONSULTED CONCEDED AS MUCH AND SAID  
FINLAND WILL BE COORDINATING ITS POSITIONS ON CONFERENCE  
ISSUES WITH ITS NORDIC PARTNERS.

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